



## 2012 State Public Affairs Grant - Small

### Final Report

### Holston Branch – “Tricities Scouts E-Week Activities”

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The Holston Branch proposed to sponsor E-Week Activities for the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians and the Boy Scouts of the Sequoyah Council. The events took place on February 18<sup>th</sup> for the Boy Scouts and on February 25<sup>th</sup> for the Girl Scouts. Each event was limited to 100 boys and 100 girls, but an exception was made for the Boy Scouts and 13 additional boys were allowed to participate. The Girl Scout Council took the initiative and sent private invitations to troops for the event since our event was very limited in size. The Boy Scouts sent a flyer to all the Webelos troop leaders and troops were accepted by first come first served basis. The flier for the Webelos invitation is attached.

Given the space donated by Northeast State Community College, we tried to give the children a college experience by having them rotate to different classrooms to participate in the 5 programs. Each group of children attended classes on: Bridge Construction, CADD, Solar Cars, Catapult Design, and Surveying. Both days culminated with a chemistry/magic show provided by Dr. Mark Pollock with the Pre-engineering and Sciences Department at Northeast State Community College.

Volunteers consisted of approximately 10 Holston Branch Members, and significantly more non-member volunteers between 20 and 30, from other professional fields (Mechanical Engineering, Architecture, Construction, etc.) and parents of the Scouts. At a minimum, one Branch member led or assisted in the activities, and other professionals assisted in the activities, with the CADD activity requiring the most number of technical volunteers. Parents filled in the gap by taking care of lunch organization, leading the children to the various stations around campus, and assisting with activities.

Feedback for both events was very positive, with requests for this to be a yearly event. A Brownie Scout was overheard telling her friend that "I didn't think I would have fun today but I'm having SO MUCH FUN!" and pretty much all the children all responded that had fun and learned a lot and wanted to do it next year. The Girl Scouts sent all the Sponsors a "Thank you" card, the one sent to the Holston Branch is attached. Several Troop Leaders from the Boy Scouts also sent us Thank you notes and those are attached.

In discussions with the volunteers, it was decided that it was much easier to have the children be of one age range, as it was for the Boy Scouts with just "Webelos" than with the Girl Scouts that had from the Kindergarten aged "Daises" to the High School aged "Ambassadors."

The overall schedule started approximately at 9 am and completed at 3:30 pm. While it was very tiring for the presenters to have to repeat the same program over and over again, all the children got to participate in all available activities and were heard discussing with their friends their experiences in the different activities. The volunteers also agreed that the 5 sessions and

the Magic Show were enough, but if necessary, we could eliminate one of the sessions and still have a very enjoyable program.

As the event was held at Northeast State Community College, our Press Release was promoted through the College’s marketing department and sent to all the media outlets in the Tricities area. We were expecting to see a couple members of the press show up to at least one of the events, but were rather disappointed that none showed up, especially with the contacts that the College has with the media. The Press Release is attached.

**Budget:**

The budget differs from the original budget in the grant proposal due to some adjustments that needed to be made from reduced promised contributions. Receipts for the event are attached.

<b>Income Description</b>	<b>Income</b>
SPAG	\$1000
Donations from Individuals and Companies	\$1050
Branch Donation	\$939.45
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,989.45</b>

<b>Cost Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Bridge Kit – Already Purchased	\$97
Solar Cars	\$387
E-week Badges	\$213
Lunch for Kids and Adults	\$500
T-Shirts	\$1,749.50
Sam’s Club (Lunch Supplies)	\$42.95
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$2,989.45</b>

Scout Engineering Days Pictures

